

**Subject:** Re: The Alexandria Hotel Curbside Parking/Loading Spaces

**From:** Blair Besten

**Date:** 07/07/2016 04:26 PM

**To:** Ray Lau


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Ray and All,

I cannot express how appreciative we are for your prompt response in this matter. Thank you, thank you. A great many other people will be very grateful, as well.

I'm sure we will see each other around soon.

Kindest regards,

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On Thu, Jul 7, 2016 at 1:09 PM, Ray Lau <[ray.lau@lacity.org](mailto:ray.lau@lacity.org)> wrote:

Hello Mr. Hermansson and Ms. Besten,

I was made aware of the displaced parking situation here by Ms. Besten and had reached out to our Bike Share Station group for review. I am happy to inform you that the Bike Share Station location here has been recalled and that the pre-red curb parking condition will be reinstated as an Expedite by our field crew. Thank you for bringing this to our attention and Happy 110th anniversary.



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On Thu, Jul 7, 2016 at 11:24 AM, Pascal Hermansson <[cmgdtla@gmail.com](mailto:cmgdtla@gmail.com)> wrote:

Thank you all for your quick responses. As we see you understand the importance of the situation. We look forward to hearing from you soon. Thank you,

Best,  
Pascal

On Jul 7, 2016 11:15 AM, "Mehrdad Moshksar" <[mehrdad.moshksar@lacity.org](mailto:mehrdad.moshksar@lacity.org)> wrote:

Good morning all,

Since this location is in the Parking Meter Zone under jurisdiction of DOT's Meter Operation group, I'm including my colleague Mr. Ray Lau who oversees that section so he or his staff can investigate this request and get back with Mr. Hermonsson.

Best Regards,

Mehrdad Moshksar

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On Thu, Jul 7, 2016 at 10:21 AM, Bruce Gillman <[bruce.gillman@lacity.org](mailto:bruce.gillman@lacity.org)> wrote:

Good morning Mr. Hermansson,

Thank you for contacting the City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation. I am sharing your concerns regarding the removal of 'loading zones' from in front of the Alexandria Hotel at 501 S. Spring Street with our Central District Engineering Chief, Mehrdad Moshkar, and our Parking Management Chief, Ken Husting to address directly.

Sincerely,

Bruce L. Gillman

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On Thu, Jul 7, 2016 at 9:54 AM, Pascal Hermansson <[cmgdtla@gmail.com](mailto:cmgdtla@gmail.com)> wrote:

Dear Mr. Gillman,

This letter is being presented in contest to the Curbside Parking/Loading Spaces that have been removed in front of The Alexandria Hotel, located at 501 South Spring Street in Los Angeles, CA 90013. The purpose of this letter is to request the return of the Parking/Loading spaces located directly in front of the property. The Alexandria Hotel is celebrating its 110 year anniversary. The building was built in 1906. The building is comprised of approximately 470 residential units, alongside 13 commercial businesses with street storefronts. The building also has 3 historic grand ballrooms which have been in operation since the 1920's. Being that the building is located within the heart of the Historic Core of Downtown LA the residents/community and businesses are already subject to limited availability of parking. Since the building has been in operation there have been parking spots located directly in front of the property. There was a total of 2 Metered Parking spots and 2 Passenger Loading Zones. These mentioned spots are vital to the daily operation of such a building. Residents alongside businesses have been negatively impacted by the removal of these spaces. Furthermore, we do not have vehicle access through our alley. These spaces were originally put in place for these reasons. There are limited entrance points to the building and vehicle access to the main entrance of the property is necessary. Businesses use these spaces as a point of loading and unloading merchandise. Tenants/Residents use these spaces for loading and unloading patrons as well as furniture. These spaces are also used for general patron parking. The Alexandria Ballrooms use these spaces as points of loading and unloading for caterers and vendors. These spaces are also utilized for Valet Parking services. The closure of these spaces inhibits the building from functioning regularly. Hundreds of people as well as businesses will be negatively impacted on a daily basis due to the closure of these spaces. The building cannot operate under these circumstances. The loss of these spaces for the property is severely detrimental to its daily operations. The coming days and weeks we will be inoperable due to these closures. We hope that this letter will depict a clear representation of the need for the aforementioned spaces that have been removed. We need all of these spaces returned as soon as possible. We cannot stress the importance of these spaces. The building cannot operate without these spaces. We look forward to hearing from you soon. Thank you.

Best Regards,  
Pascal Hermansson  
Project Manager  
The Alexandria Hotel

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